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I write to convey my Government's appreciation for the expressions of sympathy and support that were contained in the General Assembly and Security Council resolutions passed last week in connection with the terrorist attacks of 11 September. I found particularly moving the comment, made by many, that all the diplomatic community experienced this tragedy "as New Yorkers". And, as New Yorkers, they shared in our grief over the loss not only of those working in the World Trade Center buildings but of so many valiant firefighters, police and rescue team members.

The United States Mission has received many inquiries from members of the international community about how interested individuals and delegations can help — in addition to the formal offers of support the United States has gratefully received from many Governments. In that regard, I would ask that the present letter and the attached article (see annex), which appeared in the 13 September *New York Times*, be distributed as a document of the Security Council and the General Assembly. Although by no means exhaustive, it contains a useful list of organizations collecting donations for the victims of the 11 September tragedy. Additionally, www.helping.org contains links by web to a number of reputable relief organizations. I also welcome the General Assembly's proposal, approved by acclamation, that the United Nations hold a blood drive, as an act of solidarity with its host city.

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CHARITY

How to Help The Neediest Of Cases

By AARON DONOVAN

The New York Times Company announced yesterday that it had begun a special campaign to raise money for the victims of the attack on Tuesday of the World Trade Center.

In the wake of the attack, blood banks in the city have been swamped, and many people have expressed a desire to help by giving money.

This special campaign is intended to help families of the victims, said Jack Rosenthal, president of The New York Times Company Foundation, which created the fund and each year runs an appeal for The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund, a charity that provides money to seven social service agencies in the city.

"For 80 years, The New York Times has conducted an annual Neediest Cases campaign to relieve desperate need among the poor," Mr. Rosenthal said. "Here suddenly is an unprecedented calamity that creates desperate need among a large number of people and we thought it only appropriate to do what we could to help relieve that need."

That need comes in many forms. In some cases, parents have been killed. The first concern of the Children's Aid Society, which provides poverty relief and foster care services for children in New York City, is finding children who have been made orphans by the attack and finding temporary care for them, said Philip Coltoff, executive director of the agency.

"There are children out there who have been left parentless," Mr. Coltoff said. "Particularly those children who just had one parent to start with." Mr. Coltoff said that he did not yet have an idea of how many children had been orphaned. But, he said, "We know it's going to be a substantial number."

This special campaign, the first in the history of The Neediest Cases Fund, will collect money until Oct. 11. It will be called The New York Times 9/11 Neediest Fund, to differentiate it from the annual Neediest Cases appeal, which is scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

Money raised by the campaign will go to the seven New York charities supported each year by the Neediest Cases Fund to help those injured in the attack or the families of those who died. The campaign will also support three foundations that aid New York City firefighters, police officers and sanitation workers — the New York City Fire Safety Foundation, the New York City Police Foundation and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Foundation.

In the past, the Fire Safety Foundation has provided firefighters with special respiratory and other equipment. The John Jay Foundation will aid the Department of Sanitation and other agencies, said Gerald W. Lynch, the chairman of those two foundations.

Agency heads said that while they were swamped with need on a scale they had not seen before, they were impressed by the generosity that New Yorkers have shown. "We have had lots of calls from people who want to do something. 'Can I give blood?' 'Can I help?' 'Can I give money?' " Dr. Lynch said. "It's very important to have this terrible tragedy have a positive aspect."

HOW TO HELP

Checks payable to The New York Times 9/11 Neediest Fund should be sent to P.O. Box 5193, General Post Office, New York, N.Y. 10087, or any of these organizations:

BROOKLYN BUREAU OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
285 Schermerhorn Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
1011 First Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
191 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
105 East 22nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10010

COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK
105 East 22nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10010

FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT WELFARE AGENCIES
281 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10010

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION
899 Tenth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10019

NEW YORK CITY FIRE SAFETY FOUNDATION
555 West 57th Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

NEW YORK CITY POLICE FOUNDATION
343 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10154

UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 4100
New York, N.Y. 10261-4100

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No agents or solicitors are authorized to seek contributions for The New York Times 9/11 Neediest Fund.

The Times pays the fund's expenses, so all contributions go directly to the charities, which use them to provide services and cash assistance.

Contributions to the fund are deductible on federal, state and city income taxes to the extent permitted by law.

A special campaign for the attack's victims.